

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 185

By Reeves

A RESOLUTION to recognize Bradyville Church of Christ on the occasion of its 200th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those historic churches and their congregations who have dedicated themselves and their resources to spreading the good news of the Gospel in their communities, thereby lifting up society with God's word; and

WHEREAS, Bradyville Church of Christ has worked to improve the quality of both spiritual and temporal life in Tennessee for the past 200 years; and

WHEREAS, the church began meeting in Bradyville in 1822, and a church building was subsequently built by Jesse Jernigan on land donated by a Mrs. Patton with logs donated by Curley Curlee; and

WHEREAS, though the building was remodeled in 1880, three of the original lamps remain on the walls, and the bell in the steeple, given in the early 1900s by Mrs. Dave Patton, remains as well; and

WHEREAS, early members of the congregation of Bradyville Church of Christ include T.W. Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. M.F. Caffey, Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Miller, Mrs. C.P. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Knox, Mrs. Joe Youree, Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Thomas, and Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Knox; and

WHEREAS, in the 1920s, Jim Caffey, a Bradyville merchant, strung wires from his carbide batteries and lighted the church; and

WHEREAS, in 1949-1950, the elders of the church were Fred Adams, Frank Knox, Edward Miller, and Dave Patton; and

WHEREAS, as the church celebrates two centuries of service, it continues to be a light in the community, and the devout members of the congregation have faithfully striven to carry out God's work in the world; and

WHEREAS, a powerful tool in the service of the Kingdom of God, Bradyville Church of Christ is truly one of the great religious institutions and catalysts for positive spiritual change in our State and nation, and the members of this exceptional congregation should be appropriately honored for their exemplary service to their fellow Christians and the good people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the congregation of Bradyville Church of Christ on the celebration of the church's 200th anniversary and wish them much continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.